

STATE NEWS

THE REVENUE LAW.—Opinions of the Public Treasurer on the Revenue Law—David A. Jenkins, Esq., Public Treasurer, has delivered the following opinions on the Revenue Law:

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miles from Trenton, and fired it in several places. The inmates, two women and five small children, were ordered under pain of death to remain in the burning building, and the house was repeatedly fired into to prevent them attempting to escape. They managed to slip unobserved out at the back door, clanking their friends howling out for their blood, and gained the woods near by in safety. There they remained until day, when they came through the woods to Trenton. The house, with its entire contents, was consumed.

A young man named Bragg, to whose trial Colgrove was proceeding when killed, lived with Mr. Haswell, and it is supposed that the negroes intended to murder him; but being disappointed in finding him absent, they turned upon the helpless family, as suitable victims for their vengeance.

While the whole county of Jones is being searched for those who killed Colgrove his militia is allowed to go unpunished for similar deeds of violence—no doubt that it was the armed militia of Jones county, all of whom are negroes, who burned the house of Mr. Haswell and attempted to murder his wife and children. It is said that they did it at the command or collusion of "Hon." D. D. Colgrove, who told them "to do as they pleased."

We expect to hear of more such outrages, and also expect to hear of a trial. The people of Jones cannot be expected to bear everything, and they will put—New Bern Journal, of Com.

TERRIBLE CONDITION OF AFFAIRS IN THE COUNTY OF JONES.—Last night the city was filled with rumors regarding the condition of affairs in Jones county. The house of Mr. Shade Loftin and that of another gentleman were reported to have been burned and a young man named Bragg and a negro militiaman were said to have been killed in the act of applying a torch to a dwelling, by one of the inmates. All this occurred yesterday.

What truth there is in these rumors will be determined to-day; but we cannot disguise the fact that there is a very real and terrible state of affairs exists in Jones no one doubts, and authentic intelligence will be looked for anxiously to-day.—New Bern Journal, of Com.

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL.—The Governor met Coleman, the ostracized Attorney General, at Barnum's in Baltimore. After a friendly talk Coleman was seen to sign a paper, supposed to be his resignation of the office of Attorney General. It would have been a blow on Victor if Coleman had taken the office with him.

Raleigh Sentinel.

SOUTHERN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.—Gen. D. H. Hill, of Charlotte, has been appointed Vice-President for North Carolina of the Southern Historical Society. A good selection.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.—We learn that Wilkie, the Jones county legislator, and so-called "dilettante" when here in town on Saturday last, on hearing of the murder of his "brother tyrant" Colgrove, was heard to remark that ere Monday night half of Jones county would be in ashes.

Goldsboro Messenger.

LAST SATURDAY J. N. Bunting, Esq., Clerk of the Superior Court of Wake county, under a decree of that Court, sold by auction, at the Court House place in this city, 1,300 acres of land, about 900 of which is located in the Wk of Neuse river and Crabbe creek, in Wake county, and remaining portion lies near by. This land is very fertile, a large portion of it is cleared, and the tract is susceptible of being made the best farm in Wake county. D. A. Vicker, Esq., acted as auctioneer, and the land was sold to J. C. Badger, Esq., attorney, who we understand was acting for other parties, for \$13,625.

Ral. Standard.

The number of inmates (says the Raleigh Standard) in the Asylum for the insane is 223.

We hear that Captain G. W. Andrews and sister, accompanied perhaps by several of our young men, will start next week for the Golden State. We regret to lose such citizens but hope they may find change profitable and pleasant.

Rutherford Indicator.

THE HANGING FRIDAY.—We don't suppose that there is any doubt of the hanging on Friday of Thomas and Baker, the two negroes who so narrowly escaped from having their necks broken on Friday last. We understand that it was in contemplation on Saturday to get up a petition for the commuting of their sentence, but such a project was abandoned.

Weldon News.

GOOD NEWS.—Our clever and enterprising citizen, Capt. John Berry, is making arrangements to erect a splendid brick building on "burnt square." In the name of the live men of Hillsboro we thank Capt. Berry for the start.

Hillsboro Recorder.

THE NEW SHERIFF OF JONES COUNTY.—John Pierce has been appointed Sheriff of Jones County vice Colgrove, murdered. Mr. Pierce will be remembered as a former resident of this city, and was during the war an undertaker, and afterwards partner of John M. Ralston. He removed to Jones county a few years ago, bought a plantation and has since been engaged in farming.—Newbern Times.

AFFAIRS IN JONES.—The latest intelligence from Jones county contradicts the reports published yesterday, and represents affairs there as quiet. No one has been murdered since the killing of Colgrove, though incendiaries have not been absent. Besides the house of Mr. Haswell, the gin house of Mr. Shade Loftin and the smoke house of Mr. J. C. Badger, Esq., have not been learned, have also been destroyed. These were the acts of negroes.

New Bern Journal of Com.

LAST MONDAY our citizens went through the force of an election for municipal officers, and as was anticipated, the Radicals elected their ticket. Voters were brought in from the four quarters of the earth, until a majority was obtained, and the mighty, the immaculate Republican standard-bearers were triumphantly elected over the ticket voted for by the citizens of the town.—Rutherford Indicator.

VEGETABLES.—A special train from Wilmington arrived at this place on Monday morning bringing eight car-loads of vegetables. They were shipped from Charleston, S. C., for New York, but it was found that the steamer was overloaded to this amount. The shippers then transferred to the Inland Air Line. It was done as an experiment to test the time required over the two routes, and if this line delivers the vegetables in New York sooner than the steamer, they will hereafter ship by it exclusively.—Weldon News.

DISCHARGES IN BANKRUPTCY.—His Honor Judge G. W. Brooks has furnished us the following list of discharges in bankruptcy, since our last:

OUTRAGED NEIGHBORS IN JONES COUNTY.—ALSON AND ATTEMPTED MURDER.—On Saturday night a band of armed negroes, surrounded the house of Mr. Henry W. Haswell, of Jones county, and a fortunate escape was made by the family.

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